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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Cancel the current title and replace by -- Antibodies Specific For SSX Proteins--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, prior to line 1, add

-- **RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/796,780, filed
March 1, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/851,138, filed
May 5, 1997, now US Patent No. --

Page 3, line 2: delete first “,”

Page 5, line 12: delete first “and”

Page 6, line 3: change “by” to -- . See --

line 4: change “Thus” to -- This --

Page 7, line 5: change “08,479,328” to -- 08/479,328, now US Patent No. --

Page 8, line 15: change "3'" to -- 3' --

Page 9, line 11: change "southern" to -- Southern --

Page 10, line 8: change "5' and 3'" to -- 5' and 3' --

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice. Add claims 20-24, which follow:

- Claim 20: An isolated antibody which specifically binds to a protein (i) encoded by an isolated nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, or (ii) encoded by an isolated nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, or (iii) an isolated nucleic acid molecule having nucleotides 1-330 of SEQ ID NO: 1, concatenated to nucleotides 467-576 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- Claim 21: The isolated antibody of claim 20, which specifically binds to a protein encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- Claim 22: The isolated antibody of claim 20, which specifically binds to a protein encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- Claim 23: The isolated antibody of claim 20, which specifically binds to a protein encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule having nucleotides 1-330 of SEQ ID NO: 1, concatenated to nucleotides 467-576 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- Claim 24: A method for determining expression of an SSX4 or SSX5 gene, comprising contacting a sample with the isolated antibody of claim 20, and determining binding of said antibody to a target as a determination of expression of said SSX4 or SSX5 gene.

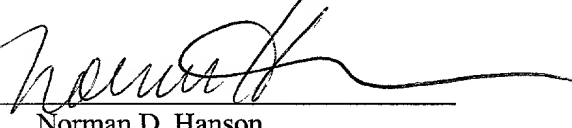
REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is requested. Claims 20-24 will be pending. These are drawn to restricted subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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